



## AN EXPLANATION OF DISPARITY IN COST

Of Boulevards in West End—Commissioners Submit Report of Cost of the Works—Declare Comparison Unfair.

When the disparity between the cost of improving Fifth street and the other streets in the west end was discovered a representative of the city, interviewed Commissioner Kinnaird, who, after declaring that a comparison of the respective costs could not be made owing to the physical conditions of the respective streets, and because on all the streets except Fifth and Twelfth streets the roadways had been gravelled when the boulevards were constructed. He admitted that the conditions on Fifth and Twelfth streets were similar, and said that after having investigated the question had found a mistake in the Fifth street assessment, namely, that the cost of the trees, the topsoil and the curbing had not been charged up. He did not say the mistake would have been discovered if had attention not been called to it. He added that since the error had been discovered the cost of the trees and curbing would be duly assessed.

According to the financial report, 2,750 feet of boulevarding on Seventh street cost \$2,510.31, 1,000 feet on Fifth street cost \$1,274.51, 1,000 feet on Fifth street cost \$1,274.51, 1,000 feet on Sixth street cost \$4,480.70, 1,000 feet on Third street cost \$4,205.42, 2,000 feet on Twelfth street cost \$1,810.82. Figured out, the cost per foot on the various streets is approximately:

Seventh street ..... \$1.46  
Hardisty ..... 1.06  
Fifth ..... 1.27  
Sixth ..... 4.48  
Third ..... 4.21  
Twelfth ..... 0.91

The commissioners have submitted the following report in connection with the question:

In view of the public attention that has been given to this matter and to remove any misunderstanding that may exist in this connection, we submit for the consideration of the council and the information of the ratepayers, a full and complete statement of the cost of the various local improvements of this nature which have been undertaken by the city to date.

In explanation of the disparity of cost in these undertakings we beg to point out that each of these improvements have been undertaken on portions of the property owners and in accordance with the wishes of the ratepayers, the physical condition of the locality, and the existing condition of the street at the time of the undertaking, and as in no two cases has a complete similarity of these conditions existed, it is unreasonable to make a comparison between them. An assessment of some of these local improvements was made in 1907, and these works were completed by 1906, but the charging of the trees, which had been planted, and the grading of the roadways were only paid for this year, and for these items a supplementary assessment will be made in 1908.

As the complete cost in nearly all cases has now been definitely determined, the nature and extent of these improvements and the cost of same is as follows:

Third Street from Jasper Avenue to brow of hill.  
Nature of work—Grading of boulevards, moving and replacing of sidewalks, reducing and grading of hill, seeding and tree-planting, placing of curbs and tie posts and grading and graveling of roadway 50 feet in grading and graveling by contract ..... \$4,007.50  
Day labor and supervision city ..... 134.00  
Lumber and nails ..... 136.50  
Seeding ..... 30.10  
Tree-plant, 20 at \$1.50 ..... 30.00

## STRATHCONA NEWS

### LOCALS.

Daniel Currie, of the treasury office, government buildings, leaves this afternoon on a six weeks' trip to Duluth, Toronto, Quebec, Montreal and other eastern cities.

Premier Borden yesterday received a telegram from his son, Cecil, who is attending Woodstock college, stating that the college was clear of an epidemic. The latter will spend a few days with friends in Ottawa.

There was a good attendance at Grandin street school Saturday night. The cinematograph show, owing to the inability of the power house to give sufficient electric power, the performance could not be given and a much disappointed audience was compelled to return home.

Wm. Wells has retired from the municipal service for public school trustee. J. C. Crawford has also retired from the aldermanic council in ward 1.

William Ritchie, son of Robert Ritchie, has returned from a seven months' trip to Scotland and afterwards to Ontario, where he has been visiting friends.

The pupils of Grandin street school held a truck municipal election on Friday afternoon. The result was as follows: Mayor, John Allan; alder-

men, ward 1, E. Bernard and L. Clark; ward 2, S. S. Hugh and R. Miller; ward 3, S. Walter and R. Port; ward 4, A. Wilson and R. Port.

The express from the south was an early one, and the express from the north was a late one. The express from the south was an early one, and the express from the north was a late one.

Early Sunday morning the fire brigade was called out to extinguish the flames in a little tenement row on Main street, just east of the hospital. Three dwellings were included, and nothing was left of them. What few people the occupants had were easily removed, and the families removed to the immigrant hall.

In connection with the opening exercises of the new Presbyterian church next Sunday there will be no service in the Baptist in the morning and none in the Methodist in the evening in order that the pastors and congregations of these churches may assist in the opening exercises.

At the Presbyterian church last night Mr. Fleming preached the last sermon in the old building. His topic was the "Influence of the Past." He has been associated with great experiences and on that subject he preached an eloquent discourse.

Day labor on sidewalks and curbs, 100 ft. at \$1.00 ..... 100.00  
Lumber and nails ..... 100.00  
Seeding ..... 100.00  
Tree-plant, 20 at \$1.50 ..... 30.00  
The grade per foot ..... 29.88  
Interest ..... 29.88

Total ..... \$1,410.39  
1,000 feet property frontage at \$1.41 per foot or 14 cents per year per foot frontage.

Twelfth Street, Victoria to Hardisty Avenue.  
Nature of work—Grading of boulevard and roadway, removing of stumps, seeding and tree-planting, and placing of curbs and tie posts, roadway 25 feet. Cost: Grading and stumping by day labor ..... \$443.40  
Material and supervision ..... 238.28  
Seeding ..... 34.75  
Trees, 100 at \$0.35 ..... 35.00  
Tree-plant, 10 at \$1.50 ..... 15.00  
Interest ..... 43.87

Total ..... \$1,330.28  
1,000 feet property frontage at \$1.33 per foot or 13 cents per year per foot frontage.

McKay Avenue, Fourth Street to Seaview Street.  
Nature of work—Grading of boulevard and roadway, removing of stumps, seeding and tree-planting, and placing of curbs and tie posts, 100 ft. roadway. Cost: Grading and stumping by day labor ..... \$623.88  
Lumber and material ..... 874.42  
Seeding ..... 34.75  
Trees, 125 at \$0.35 ..... 43.75  
Tree-plant, 9 at \$1.50 ..... 13.50  
The grade per foot ..... 107.55  
Side ..... 468.00  
Interest ..... 167.74

Total ..... \$2,206.32  
1,000 feet property frontage at \$2.21 per foot or 22 cents per year per foot frontage.

Hardisty Avenue, 5th Street to 6th Street.  
Nature of work—Grading of boulevard and roadway, reducing and grading of hill, seeding and tree-planting, placing of curbs and tie posts and grading and graveling of roadway 30 feet. Work not yet completed—cost to date \$1,000.00—balance of trees and tie posts carried over to 1908—property frontage 600 feet.

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## REV. A. M. McDONALD ON CIVIC RELIGION

A Strong Sermon in First Baptist Church—An Appeal for Higher Ideals in Civic Government.

Rev. A. M. McDonald delivered a strong sermon in the First Baptist Church last night on civic religion. He took his text from Isaiah the first chapter and the 12th verse.

"Dr. Lorimer," he said, "has reminded us that the world has not yet seen a city with the splendor of Rome endowed with Christianity. Many communities have the crest, but not the Christian spirit. Today we are pressed with the terrible finger pointing at some lowly monk for looking at the evil of the country with an unseeing and painful gaze. Rome is still barbarous, but we must not claim more for London, Paris, New York or any of the big cities. We admit they have their churches, education and elevation, socially, but Christ is not with the great masses. These facts give rise to a question, civic religion. It has been discussed widely of late, and who should better discuss it than the church?"

"The relation the text has to the subject is that it shows the possibility of a redeemed city. The 'Holy City' was one day a religious, but not a holy community, but it went down. Undoubtedly some day she will be redeemed and restored to her full power and glory. In the meantime she sleeps. We must not expect the redemption through an act of the omnipotent. Religion must do it. Here is where religion has an influence over social and civic affairs. 'You will want to tell me it has no right in the civil world; that it should be kept by itself.' That act would be wrong. I am one who does not want to see social control, and I do not want to see the city help any sect. It would be impossible to help all. Therefore, it remains that it is impossible to help one. But, nevertheless, who should not have a share in the municipal politics of our city. All work is done by high ideals. The sculptor, the artist, the architect, all had their visions of beauty modelled in their hearts, they were a reality.

"The man who builds a city should have more than commercial ability, and a city should have more than shops, railroads and other conveniences. It should have law and order, and religion is one of the greatest helps to such things. Business methods in municipal politics have been discussed, but a city needs more in its politics. Is the commercial instinct enough to have? We need and want a city honored among cities. How can we get it? We must have a change of emphasis on some subject, and the sooner we get it the sooner will our standard of honor and purity be raised higher.

"Right has still a hold on the minds of the people. They want right, but there are persons who cheat in the restraint. There are men who must be eliminated from the government of our city. We who are given the task of building a city, do not look at the bank of the Saskatchewan must not lose sight of honor and purity, even if it is at the expense of this city's coffers. At present we appeal to the citizen's love of the beautiful or fear of the ugly, pointing to the clogged sewers, and we appeal to his commercial instincts by talk on the reduction of the tax rate. The ideal

of municipal reform with many men is the reduction of taxes, but something more is needed. Higher ideals are what we want.

"Municipal ownership means that each citizen is a shareholder in the city. He puts men whom he thinks are honest and 'true in charge of them, and these men must be men of virtue.

"Public opinion is a battle in Mexico and the watering of stock in our own country, but is it right? The men who rule our city should have more than ability. They should be strong in right, and if they are the manning bells a house of ill fame will be closed at the expense of

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Missouri and Northwestern Railroad Has Had Two Mysteries and Fatal Wrecks.

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The operation of these persons, who, it is said, are suspected, but still unknown, have baffled the authorities of the road, no clerical was work done, but superstitious persons who are now on the case expect to unravel the mystery. Spikes have been lifted from the rails, switches turned as though by accident, and each incident of the last few weeks is shown to be either the gratification of spite or the work of a maniac.

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